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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar.—"May I ask with reference to answers to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) if Government are making any provision for total prohibition in any other area?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—"The budget on the receipt side has provided for much less revenue than during the preceding years."

Removal of a toddy shop in Calicut municipality.

* 226 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Excise Licensing Board, Calicut, at one of its meetings adopted a resolution unanimously to shift toddy shop No. 8 in Calicut municipality;

(*b*) whether the shop remains still in the same place in spite of the resolution of the Board;

(*c*) whether the Government have vetoed the resolution of the Board; and

(*d*) whether he will be pleased to place on the table of the House the orders of the Government together with the recommendations of the Commissioner of Excise on the subject?

A.—(*a*) to (*d*) The Government have called for a report.

Powers of Excise Licensing Boards and Advisory Committees.

* 227 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of municipalities and Revenue divisions for which the Excise Licensing Boards and the Excise Advisory Committees respectively have been created since the original scheme creating these bodies for certain areas was sanctioned;

(*b*) whether the powers of these bodies still remain the same as those mentioned in the original scheme; and

(*c*) what the orders of the Government are either extending or limiting the powers of these bodies?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1311, given at the Legislative Council Meeting held on 28th January 1930. Since then, Excise Advisory Committees have been constituted for the Revenue Divisional areas of Amalapuram and Chidambaram in the East Godavari and South Arcot districts, respectively.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The Government have not limited the powers of these bodies. They have extended them in certain directions in the notifications mentioned below:—

(i) Government Notification No. 153, dated 27th April 1929, published at page 815 of Part I of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 7th May 1929;